



7. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said reinforcing metal layer also covers end walls of the tubular parts as well as side walls.

8. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said reinforcing metal layer is made of steel, stainless steel or aluminium.

9. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said reinforcing metal layer has a thickness in the range of 3 to 50 mm.

10. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said plastics or polymer material comprises a compact elastomer.

11. (New) A method according to claim 2, wherein said tubular part is a submerged or partly submerged part.

12. (New) A method according to claim 3, wherein said tubular part is a support leg or bracing member of an off-shore structure.